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Hong Kong: The violence of the past three days suggests that moderate Communist leaders in the colony are increasingly hard pressed to keep militants in check.

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The weekend marked one of the worst periods of bomb terrorism in the colony since the beginning of the confrontations in May. [redacted]

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[redacted] The hurling of bombs at police and military personnel engaged in bomb disposal reflects the greater coordination and control with which the terrorism is conducted as well as the Communists' tactic of focusing their attacks on the security forces.

These incidents as well as nonviolent demonstrations by Communist groups were probably timed to coincide with the visit of the British minister for commonwealth affairs who arrived on the 13th and may continue until his departure.

Yesterday, Hong Kong authorities closed a bridge on the border with Communist China where Chinese farmers abducted a British police inspector on the 14th. Three other policemen have been seized by the Chinese in the past eight days.

China's continued cautious approach to events in the colony is underlined by an absence of comment from Peking on these latest incidents. [redacted]

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